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Dear Mr. Chairman:

At our hearing before your Subcommittee on 23 June 1955, in support of an appropriation for the construction of the CIA Headquarters installation authorized by Title 5 of H.R. 6829, we submitted proposed appropriations language which would authorize the financing of this ~~Langley~~ project by the Central Intelligence Agency through the use of unobligated balances of appropriations made available to ~~us~~ for ~~the agency~~ Fiscal Years 1953 and 1954. There are sufficient unobligated balances available to finance this project, which balances will otherwise lapse and be covered into the Treasury. However, you requested that we furnish a statement as to the amount of funds which we would expect to obligate during Fiscal Year 1956, in the event that the Committee decided to make a new appropriation in lieu of the method of financing which we suggested ~~from prior year funds~~.

If the Congress approves of this construction, we hope to expedite it in every possible way. Therefore, if the Langley site, which we discussed, should be selected, it is estimated ~~that~~ we would have ~~not~~ require for early obligation the following amount:

Material dictated from Pforzheimer's Office 6/23/55:

If the Langley site is not selected, we would need an estimated \$1,000,000 to acquire a site elsewhere. However, in this event no funds would be needed for the extension of the George Washington Memorial Parkway and, hence, \$7,000,000 would be adequate in either case. We would appreciate having the appropriations language sufficiently broad to cover either contingency.

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We would hope to complete our drawings and specifications and to award a contract within about nine months if the Congress gives its approval. If the Congress chose to authorize a new appropriation and to appropriate only those funds which we expected to obligate during Fiscal Year 1956, it would be necessary for *the Agency* ^{us} to request *early* a supplemental appropriation next year, since we could not award a contract until such additional funds were appropriated.

I sincerely hope that your Committee ^{will} *matter* give this request favorable consideration.